

BORDER CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, West Virginia, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Maine, Montana, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, Alaska, Vermont, and Wyoming. During President Biden's first year in office, the number of illegal immigrants that the Border Patrol has encountered on our southern border has surpassed the population of these 12 States and the end is nowhere in sight.

I am not sure if the Biden administration knew that their policies would lead to the number of illegal immigrants surpassing the population of over 20 percent of U.S. States, but by reversing the successful policies of the previous administration, they have created this crisis.

This administration has listened to special interest groups over the will of the American people. This administration has implemented catch-and-release policies. This administration has canceled the remain in Mexico policy, and on his very first day in office, President Biden issued an executive order ending border wall funding.

This administration has turned their back on every State of the Union to pursue a far-left agenda. This administration has created a new State of chaos in our Nation with their failed policies. It is time for us to reverse course and to return to commonsense policies that work and that protect our Nation's borders.

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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Mr. GUEST. Former President Ronald Reagan once said: "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us."

Today, we remember the service of our veterans, the price they have paid and the Nation that they helped build and fought to protect.

We know that America's veterans risked their lives on the field of battle to preserve this Nation and the ideals of democracy, liberty, and freedom.

But we must not forget that they not only fought to protect the rights that were established by our Founding Fathers, but they also returned home to set an example of enduring patriotism and leadership in our communities, our States, and our Nation.

When their service ended, our veterans helped advance our country by embodying the American spirit of hard work and perseverance.

Today, we thank them for the example they set.

This day, more than any other, let every American reach out to a veteran and say: Thank you for your service; we are grateful for your many sacrifices that you have made on behalf of our Nation.

As we stand in this great institution of democracy that our veterans helped build and then fought to preserve, let our Nation remember the hundreds of thousands of men and women who fought for our freedoms, and let us always remember that our Nation would have been forgotten to history long ago if not for those men and women brave enough to protect it.

May God bless our country, and may God bless our veterans.

HONORING LES HOUCK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly dedicated township official from Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, which I am honored to represent.

Mr. Les Houck, of Salisbury Township, in eastern Lancaster County, is retiring as a member of the Salisbury Township Board of Supervisors after 48 years of dedicated service in that body; almost a half a century.

In fact, his service to the township began 2 years prior to his 48 years as a supervisor, in 1972, when he was appointed to the township's planning commission.

Les is a wonderful husband and father as well, but as I said, he has dedicated half a century working to improve his community. Over the years, Les has become a trusted voice who is sought out for counsel in Lancaster County and across the Commonwealth as well.

Beyond his service to the residents of Salisbury Township, Les served on several boards for Lancaster County, on advisory committees to the Governor and other State departments, and in leadership roles with both the county and State associations of township supervisors.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Les Houck for 50 years of service to the residents of Salisbury Township and for being an outstanding and true example of servant leadership.

CONGRATULATING EHD OF LANCASTER

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate EHD of Lancaster as they celebrate their business' 125th anniversary; truly an impressive milestone.

The business, Engle-Hambright & Davies, now known as EHD, dates back to 1896 and has grown over the years, from previously working in real estate to now being a respected full-service insurance agency which employs 120 individuals with offices in Lancaster, Reading, Exton, and Pittsburgh.

They are one of only a few independent insurance agencies who achieved the Best Practices distinction for 6 consecutive years from the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

They continue to work to give back to the community they have called

home for over a century, supporting a number of local nonprofit organizations through their many charitable efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the American entrepreneurial spirit has led to the founding of many businesses. Some do well, some fail, but not many have lasted for 125 years. That is rare.

Today, I want to mention EHD. We celebrate with them. We congratulate them on achieving this milestone, and we wish them continued success.

SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, President Biden and the Democrats want to defund the police, take away your Second Amendment right to self-defense, and then stand by and watch crime skyrocket in cities like Chicago.

The new push by the left, intended to diminish your Second Amendment rights, is to pass so-called red-flag gun confiscation laws.

This is a disguised attempt by Congressional Democrats and some Republicans to seize lawfully owned firearms and violate the Second Amendment rights of American citizens.

Congressional Democrats and some Republicans voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act, which includes red-flag gun confiscation provisions.

I urge the Senate to reject red-flag gun confiscation provisions in the NDAA.

I will always stand up for the Second Amendment rights of my constituents.

Shootings in Chicago are up 220 percent due to the pro-crime policies of the left. Businesses and citizens are leaving Illinois at a record number. Officers are retiring from the Chicago police force at a record pace.

Our Second Amendment right to defend our home and family has never been more important. I will always stand up for the Constitution and for the safety of the people in Illinois.

DIVISIVE MERGER AT JOHNSON & JOHNSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, a jury instructed Johnson & Johnson to pay \$5 million in damages to Patricia, a retired teacher with two children and four grandchildren. One month later, she died, at age 61, of mesothelioma, an aggressive form of cancer caused by asbestos exposure.

Thirty-five-year-old Christina was a preschool teacher studying for her master's degree when she was diagnosed with mesothelioma. In 2019, a jury awarded her \$26 million in her case against Johnson & Johnson.

Gail was 36 years old when she collapsed on her kitchen floor. She was diagnosed with mesothelioma and has